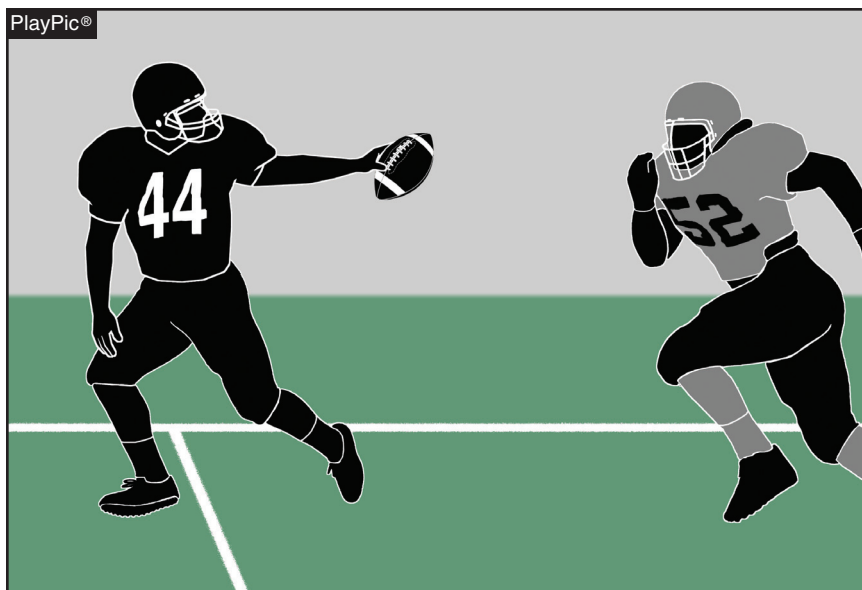


Officials Quiz 2011

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How is the penalty enforced if a horse-collar tackle occurs and the play results in a touchdown? See question 1.

In each of the following you are given a situation and at least two possible answers. You are to decide which answer or answers are correct for NFHS and NCAA rules, which might vary. **Note:** In kicking situations, K is the kicking team, R the receiving team. (Answers appear on page 3)

Note: The quiz was prepared before this year's rulebooks were available. As a result, rule references provided may not reflect what will actually appear in the new books.

1. As seen in the PlayPic, with 7:17 to play in the fourth quarter, runner A1 is at team B's 10 yardline when he turns and taunts pursuing B2 before scoring a touchdown. Team B accepts the penalty.

- a. Team B has the choice of enforcement on the try or on the succeeding kickoff.
- b. The penalty must be enforced on the try.
- c. The penalty must be enforced on the succeeding kickoff.

d. The penalty must be enforced from team B's 10 yardline.

2. First and 10 on the 50 yardline. A1's fumble at his own 47 yardline is at rest at team A's 45 yardline. As A2 prepares to recover the loose ball, B3 bats it toward team A's goalline. The ball goes out of bounds at team A's 35 yardline.

- a. Legal play. It will be team A's ball, second and 25 at its own 35 yardline.
- b. Illegal batting by B3. If accepted, the penalty is enforced from the spot of the foul.
- c. Illegal batting by B3. If accepted, the penalty is enforced from the previous spot.
- d. Illegal batting by B3. If accepted, the penalty is enforced from the spot of A1's fumble.
- e. The penalty is five yards.
- f. The penalty is 10 yards.
- g. The penalty is 15 yards.

3. After the ball is snapped, the referee and the umpire count 12 team A players on the field. The play results in an incomplete forward pass.

- a. The penalty is five yards.
- b. The penalty is 10 yards.
- c. The penalty is 15 yards.

4. Fourth and 10 for team K from team R's 30 yardline. K1's attempted field goal is short. The untouched ball rolls to a stop at team R's four yardline, where it is declared dead.

- a. It will be team R's ball, first and 10 from its own 20 yardline.
- b. It will be team R's ball, first and 10 from its own 30 yardline.
- c. It will be team R's ball, first and 10 from its own four yardline.

5. R1 is at team K's 45 yardline and in position to catch K2's punt. While the kick is on its downward flight but before R1 has had a chance to catch it, K3 bats the ball, which goes out of bounds untouched at team K's 40 yardline. K3 does not make contact with R1.

- a. Legal play.
- b. Kick-catching interference.
- c. Team R may choose to have the 15-yard penalty is enforced from the previous spot.
- d. Team R may choose to have the 15-yard penalty is enforced from the spot of K3's bat.
- e. Team R may choose an awarded fair catch at the spot of K3's bat.

6. B1 intercepts a legal forward pass at his own one yardline and fumbles at team B's four yardline. B2 recovers the fumble at his own three yardline and his momentum carries him into his own end zone. To avoid being tackled in his end zone, B2 throws a backward pass, which B3 muffs. A4 is the last to touch the ball before it rolls over the endline.

- a. Safety.
b. Touchback.
c. It will be team B's ball, first and 10 at its own three yardline.
7. Fourth and goal on team B's 15 yardline. Eligible receiver A1 intentionally runs to a position one yard beyond the end line and stops. Quarterback A2 throws a legal forward pass toward A1. When the ball is just about to A1, A1 leaps into the air, bats the ball to teammate A3 and lands on the ground beyond the end line. A3 catches the batted pass while standing in team B's end zone.
- Legal play; touchdown.
 - Illegal participation.
 - Illegal touching.
 - Illegal batting.
 - Illegal touching and illegal batting.
8. Third and 13 at team A's three yardline. Quarterback A1 retreats into his own end zone and is hit after his arm has started forward. The ball pops up into the air and eligible receiver A2, in his own end zone, intentionally bats the ball forward. The ball hits the ground at team A's five yardline and rolls to team A's eight yardline, where prone A3 recovers it.
- Fourth and 12 at team A's eight yardline.
 - Fourth and 13 at team A's three yardline.
 - Illegal batting by A2.
9. Just after K1's punt is airborne and untouched by team R, K2 blocks R3. The contact causes R3 to knock the punter to the ground.
- No problem.
 - R3 has fouled if K2's block was legal.
 - R3 has fouled if K2's block was illegal.
 - R3 has fouled under any circumstances.
 - If K2's block was illegal, only K2 has fouled.
 - If K2's block was illegal, K2 and R3 have fouled.
10. Fourth and one for team K at team B's 20 yardline. Team K is in scrimmage-kick formation with numbering exceptions on the line. Punter K1 then moves up behind the center in position to receive a hand-to-hand snap. Team K snaps the ball and gains five yards. Team B had 12 players on the field at the snap.
- Legal play.
 - Both teams have fouled; replay the down.
 - Foul on team A only (illegal formation).
 - Foul on team B only (illegal participation).
11. Fourth and three for team A from its own 27 yardline. From behind the line of scrimmage, A1 throws a backward pass toward A2. The backward pass bounces off A2's chest, but is recovered by A3, who advances and is downed at team A's 33 yardline.
- Legal play under all circumstances.
 - The fourth-down fumble rule applies.
 - The ball should be blown dead when A3 recovers it.
12. Fourth and three for team K from its own eight yardline. Just after the ball is snapped, guard R1 is flagged for grasping and twisting the facemask of offensive tackle K2. R3 makes a fair catch at team K's 44 yardline. Team K accepts the penalty. After the penalty is enforced ...
- The clock starts on the snap.
 - The clock starts on the ready.
13. Fourth and 18 for team K from its own eight yardline. Just after the ball is snapped, guard R1 is flagged for grasping and twisting the facemask of offensive tackle K2. R3 catches the ball at team K's 44 yardline and advances to team K's 40 yardline, where he is downed inbounds. Team K accepts the penalty. After the penalty is enforced ...
- The clock starts on the snap.
 - The clock starts on the ready.
14. Second and 18 for team A from its own 10 yardline. A1's legal forward pass intended for eligible A2 is incomplete with B3 covering. While arguing that A2 was guilty of pass interference, team B's coach curses the line judge and is flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct. Team A accepts the penalty.
- It will be second and three for team A from its own 25 yardline.
 - It will be third and three for team A from its own 25 yardline.
 - It will be first and 10 for team A from its own 25 yardline.
15. Team A, trailing by five points and out of timeouts, has the ball first and goal on team B's nine yardline. A2 catches a pass and is tackled inbounds on team B's one yardline. During the down, A2 was flagged for pass interference and the penalty is accepted.
- The clock starts on the snap.
 - The clock starts on the ready.
 - If the clock expires before team A can snap the ball, the period is extended for an untimed down.
 - If the clock expires before team A can snap the ball, the period is not extended and the game is over.
16. Due to penalties, team K's free kick line is team R's 30 yardline (NFHS) or 35 yardline (NCAA). K1's free kick is caught by K4, who is in team R's end zone. The result of the play is:
- Illegal touching on K4.
 - Touchback; team R's ball on its own 20 yardline.
 - Touchdown for team K.
17. K1's punt is touched in flight by R2, who is in team R's end zone. The ball hits the ground and is recovered by K4, who is in team R's end zone. The result of the play is:
- Illegal touching on K4.
 - Touchback; team R's ball on its own 20 yardline.
 - Touchdown for team K.
18. Team A leads, 7-3. The clock is running and shows three seconds to play when quarterback A1 takes the snap. He makes a move as if he will kneel down, but instead quickly straightens up and throws a pass to A7 that results in a touchdown.
- Legal play.

b. Flag A1 for unsportsmanlike conduct.

c. Flag A1 for delay of the game.

d. The ball is dead when A1 simulates placing his knee on the ground.

19. Third and 10 on team A's 20 yardline e. Team A's coach thinks it's fourth down and sends punter A7 onto the field. When A7 reaches the huddle and tells A9 to leave the game, he is told it's only third down. A7 then runs off the field.

a. Legal.

b. Flag team A immediately for illegal substitution.

c. If team A snaps the ball they will be flagged for illegal substitution.

d. Team A can avoid a foul by calling a timeout.

20. Guard A5 is blocking defensive tackle B3 above the waist on the line of scrimmage. In order for tackle A9 to be called for a chop block, A9's block must be:

a. At or below the thighs of B3.

b. At or below the waist of B3.

c. At or below the knees of B3.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1 — NFHS — a (8-2-4a and b, 9-5-1a); NCAA — d (9-2-1a)

2 — NFHS — c, g (9-7-2 Pen, 10-3-1c, 10-4-2b); NCAA — c, f (9-4-1c)

3 — NFHS — c (9-6-4c Pen); NCAA — a (9-1-5b Pen)

4 — NFHS — c (6-2, 6-3); NCAA — b (8-4-2b)

5 — NFHS — b, c, e (6-5-6a Pen); NCAA — b, d (6-4-1 Pen)

6 — Both — a (NFHS 8-5-1, 8-5-2 Exc; NCAA 8-5-1a Exc 2)

7 — NFHS — b (9-6-2 Pen); NCAA — e (7-3-4 Pen, 9-4-1a)

8 — Both — b (NFHS 9-7-3; NCAA 9-4-1a)

9 — NFHS — a, e (9-4-5d); NCAA — b, e (9-1-4a-6)

10 — Both — b (NFHS 2-14-2, 7-2-5b; NCAA 1-4-2b)

11 — Both — a (NFHS 7-4-2; NCAA 2-10-2, 4-1-3j)

12 — Both — a (NFHS 3-4-2; NCAA 3-3-2d-8)

13 — NFHS — b (3-4-2a Exc); NCAA — a (3-3-2d-8)

14 — NFHS — b (9-8-1a Pen); NCAA — c (9-2-1a Pen)

15 — Both — b, d (NFHS 3-3-3, 3.3.4B; NCAA 3-2-3, AR 3-2-3 IX)

16 — NFHS — b (6-3-1a); NCAA — c (6-1-6a, 8-2-1d, AR 6-1-6 I)

17 — NFHS — b (6-3-1a); NCAA — c (6-3-9, 8-2-1d, AR 6-3-9 V)

18 — NFHS — a (4-2-2); NCAA — d (4-1-3o)

19 — NFHS — b (3-7-3 Pen, 3.7.3C); NCAA — c, d (3-5-2d, AR 3-5-2 VI)

20 — NFHS — c (2-3-8, 9-3-6); NCAA — a (2-3-3, 9-1-2m, AR 2-3-3 III and IV, AR 9-1-2 XXVI)

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